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Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for Kuwait was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) for the period 1987 to 1989. The objectives of the programme were: long-term socio-economic planning; diversification of income-generating sources; human resources development; and the promotion of science and technology. The programme has mainly provided technical expertise in the areas of planning and statistics, agriculture, industry, civil aviation, social and cultural development. The programme is entirely funded by the Government, as Kuwait has relinquished its indicative planning figure. The fourth country programme was extended for a period of one year by the Administrator, who so informed the Governing Council in February 1990. Because of war, the country programme was suspended as of August 1990.

2. In March 1991, it was decided that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) field office in Kuwait be reopened to respond to the immediate government needs in this critical phase. Although some programming activities have been initiated, they could not be implemented until the finalization of the government objectives and strategies. A draft transitional plan has now been prepared and will serve as a basis for UNDP technical cooperation.

3. Under these circumstances, the Administrator seeks the authorization of the Governing Council to approve technical cooperation projects on a case-by-case basis until the fifth country programme has been approved. It should be understood that earlier projects, interrupted by war, would be included among the activities to be carried out.

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